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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-11,13-19 and 21-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-11,13-19 and 21-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

I. The Art Unit location of this application in the USPTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Art Unit 2617.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

II. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 08/08/2006 has been entered.

III. The current office-action is in response to the amendments/remarks filed on 08/08/2006. Accordingly, Claims 3, 12, 20, 33-48 are cancelled, thus, Claims 1-2, 4-11, 13-19, 21-32 are imminent for further assessment as follows:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

IV. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-2, 4-11, 13-19, 21-26, and 28-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by **Schuster et al.** [US 6650901].

Regarding Claim 1, **Schuster** teaches:

A method for providing the service that delivers the geographic location of a calling party on a VOIP phone (Abstract, col.7; 29-32) comprising:

Transmitting a call from a calling party's IP network to a called party, wherein data associated with the call includes an IP address of the calling party; and a directory number corresponding to the IP address (Col.17; 44-62, Col.20; 14-27)

Triggering a query from a network element associated with the called party; (Col.20; 28-42)

In response to the query, retrieving, geographic location information associated with the calling party from an address database that stores the calling party's IP address, directory number and geographic location information, wherein the geographic location information of the calling party is recorded by a geographic location-tracking network; (Col.20; 43-55)

Returning the geographic location information to the network element; and terminating the call and delivering the geographic location information to the called party. (Col.20; 56-Col.21; 7)

Regarding Claims 2, 22, Schuster disclosed The method of claims 1, 17, wherein if the call is from a stationary device, the geographic location information is recorded during the calling party's service activation. (Col.14; 15–24)

Regarding Claim 4, Schuster disclosed The method of claim 1, wherein if the call is from a mobile device, the method further comprises the step of recording the geographic location information after the call originates and before the call is received at the network element associated with the calling party. (Col.11; 3–7)

Regarding Claims 5, 24, Schuster disclosed The method of claims 4, 1, the step of recording the geographic location information comprises using a geographic location system to determine a current geographic location of the mobile device. (Col.11; 3–7)

Regarding Claims 6, 26, 28-30, Schuster disclosed The method of claims 5, 17, wherein the current geographic location is in raw form and wherein the step of recording the geographic location information further comprises translating the current geographic location into a displayable form. (Col.9; 7-26 & Col.14; 25–34).

Regarding Claim 7, Schuster disclosed The method of claim 1, wherein the step of retrieving the geographic location information comprises searching a database for the calling party's geographic location information using the IP identifier of the calling party. (Col.20; 53-Col.21; 7)

Regarding Claim 8, Schuster disclosed The method of claim 1, wherein the step of retrieving the geographic location information further comprises translating the geographic location information to a displayable form. (Col.9; 7-26 & Col.14; 25–34)

Regarding Claims 9, 25, Schuster disclosed The method of claims 8, 24, wherein the geographic location information is global positioning system coordinates. (Col.9; 7-26 & Col.14; 25–34).

Regarding Claim 10, Schuster disclosed The method of claim 8, wherein the displayable form is selected from the group consisting of a street address, a landmark, and a building name. (Col.9; 7-26 & Col.14; 25–34)

Regarding Claim 11, Schuster disclosed The method of claim 1, wherein delivering the geographic location information uses a medium selected from the group consisting of textual displays, graphical displays, and audio messages. (Col.9; 21-26)

Regarding Claim 13, Schuster disclosed The method of claim 1, wherein the query from the network element of the calling party requests geographic location information of the calling party. (Col.20; 28-42)

Regarding Claim 14, Schuster disclosed The method of claim 12, wherein the database cross-references directory numbers with geographic location information of the directory numbers. (Col.20; 43-55)

Regarding Claim 15, Schuster disclosed The method of claim 1, wherein a network that tracks geographic locations of network devices provides the location information. (Col.9; 7-26 & Col.14; 25-34)

Regarding Claims 16, 23, Schuster disclosed The method of claims 15-16, wherein the network provides enhanced 911 services. (Col.9; 2-6)

Claim 17 is the system claim corresponding to method claim 1 respectively, and rejected under the same rational set forth in connection with the rejection of claim 1 respectively, above.

Regarding claim 18, Schuster disclosed The system of claim 17, wherein the query is a query for routing instructions, the service control point is adapted to provide routing instructions, and the service control point returns routing instructions with the geographic location description to the central office which forwards the geographic location description to a display unit. (Col.9; 7-26 & Col.14; 25-34)

Regarding Claim 19, Schuster disclosed The system of claim 18, wherein the routing instructions are in the form of a transaction capability application part response. (Col.9; 7-26 & Col.14; 25-34)

Regarding claim 21, Schuster disclosed The system of claim 20, wherein the network devices are mobile devices and the network continually updates the address database with new geographic location descriptions. (Col.17; 44-62)

Regarding claim 31, Schuster disclosed The system of claim 17, further comprising a name database cross-referencing calling party names with directory numbers, corresponding to IP addresses, Wherein the control server searches the name database for a name corresponding to the directory number, and forwards the name to a display unit, and wherein the display unit displays the geographic location description and the name. (Col.14; 66-Col.15; 9)

Regarding claim 32, Schuster disclosed The system of claim 31, wherein the display unit is a calling name display unit. (Col.14; 66-Col.15; 9)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject

matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schuster in view of Rayburn [US 6937869].

Regarding Claim 27, Schuster disclosed all the particulars of the claim except wherein the network-based geographic location system is a Wireless Application Protocol location system. However, Dorenbosch teaches in an analogous art, that The system of claim 26, wherein the network-based geographic location system is a Wireless Application Protocol location system. (Col.16; 59-64) Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to include wherein the network-based geographic location system is a Wireless Application Protocol location system in order to provide methods and systems for generating and providing route plans to mobile telecommunications subscribers.

Response to Amendments & Arguments


V. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2, 4-11, 13-19, 21-32 has been fully considered but is moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

VI. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sharad Rampuria whose telephone number is (571) 272-7870. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F. (8:30-5 EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on (571) 272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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